



## Habitat for Humanity helps over Spring Break

By Linsay K. Baker  
Campus News Editor

During a cold and windy March, Habitat for Humanity coordinator Jim McCune is holding high hopes for a Spring Recess break in the weather because the winds blowing off the Chesapeake Bay will feel cold on a rooftop.

The 2013 Habitat for Humanity trip involves the Campus and Community Ministries Club, local building professionals, and other faculty and students who will be replacing the roof on a home in Exmore, Va.

"Habitat can affect and change the course of life for children. When you have a nicer home, warmer place to stay, better neighborhood, it can affect your sense of self, grades, re-



*Members of last year's Habitat for Humanity trip help build a house in Exmore, Virginia.*

lationships, even the way you see the world and your place in it. So building a house for someone is like planting seeds for the future," he says.

The group will stay at a nearby church in Machipongo, Va. during the week and sleep on air mat-

tresses when they aren't working on the project. Before the group returns Friday night, they get to spend part of the day at Chincoteague Island.

Kevin Lambert, a sophomore who went on the trip last year, recalled his ex-

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## Rangers' run continues

Kourtnei High performed as Sarah McNeill in last week's performance of McNeill's *Rangers*, which opened Thursday. The musical continues this weekend in the Church-McKee Arts Center, with Thursday, Friday, and Saturday performances at 7:30 p.m. and the final Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m. Students attend for free. Photo by Linsay K. Baker

## CAT NEWS



## Easter egg hunt today

The Agriculture and Forestry Club will hold its annual Easter egg hunt this evening in the PSC Equine Arena at the top of Chestnut Street. Registration begins at 6, with the hunt starting at 6:30. All ages are welcome. BYOB (Bring your own basket)! \$5 horse rides will also be available.

## WVU registration event

Representatives from WVU-Morgantown will be visiting Potomac State on Wednesday, April 3, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Davis Conference Center. Students who have submitted a change of campus form prior to March 28 are eligible to attend.

## STEM Fest to be held Saturday

By Luke McKenzie  
Staff Writer

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics! All are important and critical subjects for now and the future.

A recently created organization called the STEM Network was formed to connect the local schools, the community, and Potomac State.

This network is led by Dr. Gary Seldomridge, math professor at Potomac State; Craig Kesner from ATK; and Susy Ray from Mineral County Schools.

Since its creation, the chairs of this event have planned a STEM festival to promote these critical subject areas.

Seldomridge says that they want to get kids hooked while they still have time to take classes



*Engineering club member Cody Wedge and Vice-President Logan Plumley prepare their potato projectile system for the STEM event.*

Photo by Amber Ravenscroft

and learn about STEM.

The festival will take place on Potomac State's campus, Saturday, March 23, from noon until 4 p.m. This event is designed for students K-12, but anyone is welcome to attend.

Different events and presentations will be happening all over campus this day, but the welcome center will be in the Davis Conference Center.

Engineering students

have worked hard to prepare projects for the kids to view. Potomac State students will also be volunteering at the event.

Seldomridge says that the STEM Festival has received tremendous support from maintenance, food service, university police, and the Provost.

Seldomridge also wanted to give special thanks to Donna Ballard for her help with this event.



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perience. "We worked on the roof, with ply board, laid shingles most of the time, and got to see the wild horses when we took a boat out around the islands," he says.

"I didn't know exactly what to expect, but I went with an open mind, and I wasn't disappointed," he says. "If you like to go someplace new, we took a day off to enjoy what the local places had to offer, and Jim is a great guy to work with; you get to learn a lot, I think everybody enjoyed it there."

This trip is not McCune's first time traveling to do volunteer work. In fact, McCune has been developing service projects for 25 years, often supported by Faith in Action, Helping Hands, Burlington Family Services, the City of Keyser and other local and campus organizations.

For McCune, helping with service projects is a family affair. "When my kids were little, they would help with fundraisers and go to sites with me." Now that his children are grown he gratefully takes many students under his wing in an effort to show them how rewarding helping people can really be.

According to its website, Habitat for Humanity, formed in 1976, helps organizations such as the PSC group become involved in the effort to end poverty housing by fixing and building homes for people who are unable to do it themselves. Habitat has touched the lives of over three million people around the world and has helped with building and repairing more than 600,000 homes.

"Any other groups on campus that want the opportunity to work with Habitat for Humanity can call me up. I can help make that happen," McCune says.



## Doc appreciated by his students



*Anthony Hawkins turns pages for his Dad during rehearsal for McNeill's Rangers. The show continues this weekend, opening again on Thursday evening at 7:30. Remember, students get one free admission.*

*Photo by Anjie Courier*

**By Anjie Courier  
Campus News Editor**

McNeill's Rangers music director and longtime PSC professor Dr. John Hawkins told his cast and crew recently that he has cancer and will be undergoing treatment, possibly during the second weekend of the show, beginning tomorrow.

The cast and crew mood, as well as much of the campus community, which began as shock, has turned to thinking about what Doc means to us.

Michelle House, admissions counselor and worker on various spring musicals said, "Doc was one of my first contacts here at Potomac State when I myself was a student. I spent the summer before my freshman year cleaning dorms. Every day we would take a break in the afternoon and I'd play poker with Doc, Dick Davis, and Jerry Wilcox! Doc, like the others, made me feel special with positive words and action.

"Last year as a favor, he played for my MSW graduation here on campus. Doc never meets a stranger. Yes, he is extremely serious about his shows, but he is silly and ornery too."

Molly Bennett, coordinator of the Academic Success Center, stated she had known Doc since she was a child and her fondest memory of Doc was the motorcycle rides that scared her

to death, but she couldn't get enough of. She said to sum up her thoughts- He is LOVE!"

"I appreciate that Dr. John is generous with praise and gratitude, and has been very patient as I attempt to fill the shoes of Linda Lancaster as his production assistant. His organization skills and especially his music talents never cease to amaze me," said Susan Slaubaugh, program assistant in the Business Office.

"Doc gives people chances that no one else would have," said adjunct instructor of religious studies and past cast member Ernie Poland.

Kathy Ludwick, information systems specialist in the IT department, first met Doc during the first production of McNeill's Rangers. She was cast as Ms Wellar. She was also a Westerport girl as well.

Ludwick said that she was scared to death of Doc. Now, having worked with Doc over the years, she has learned he is a loving, brilliant man. She has worked as a lighting director in all of Doc's productions here at PSC.

Hailey Truman said, "Doc makes class more fun than I thought a music class could be."

"Doc treats us like one of his own children," said current music student Haley Saville.

Jonathan Morse, in the

current cast, stated when he first met Doc, he thought he was a bit sarcastic with his "sweetheart" hard-love comments, but came to realize he is very sincere and compassionate for the people he is around.

If anyone has seen Mr. Holland's Opus, I myself see Doc as this. He is very compassionate for his love in music and teaching what he knows. He is a great teacher and friend. He knows when a student needs tough love and isn't afraid to give it.

I am in my last semester before my four-year degree and have turned to Doc when I thought I could not continue on with schooling during a tough time in my life. I remember Doc telling me "yeah, you can quit, but then what will you have to show for it?" He gave me the swift kick that I needed to move forward through the rough spot I was having, and made me feel good about myself. He always says "I love you" and the love is truly felt.

Students at PSC are Doc's rosebuds, soon to turn into beautiful roses. He helps shape us to be beautiful, successful individuals.

So on behalf of everyone here at Potomac State College I would like to thank Doc for the continued love and support that has been given through the years and for many more to come. We love you Doc.



## Potomac State Engineering busy in March

By Amber Ravenscroft  
Editor

Potomac State College's engineering department visited Washington D.C. on March 12 for its annual fieldtrip. Twenty students attended the field trip, where they were given the opportunity to visit Congress as well as the Smithsonian Museum.

"It's very interesting for some students because they have never had a chance to visit D.C.," said Engineering and Computer Science Professor Mohammad Saifi.

"All the freshmen and sophomores get to know each other, and some stay friends for good. That friendship will continue on to West Virginia University," he said.

"We like walking through and playing with some of the exhibits. The Air and Space Museum is really cool," said sophomore engineering majors Zachary Saylor and Cody Wedge.

PSC's Engineering Club has also been very busy gearing up for the upcoming STEM Conference that will be held this Saturday, March 23.

STEM, which stands for Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics, is an opportunity for the engineering department to showcase its hard work throughout the semester and encourage students to look into engineering as a major.

"We want high school students to understand that they shouldn't be scared away from engineering because it has this stereotype of being too hard," said Saifi. "The goal is to show students that engineering is simple. Using basic tools and a little logic and common sense, you can build something extraordinary."

The Engineering Club has worked hard to prepare different projects to be put on display for the conference.

Working in groups of four to five people, the students have prepared a variety of projects, including potato and marshmallow projectile systems, mouse

trap cars, and catapults.

The projects will be on display in the auditorium where students attending the conference will have the chance to play with them.

The potato projectile systems will also be set up in the gymnasium where engineering students will demonstrate them.

"They are really fun to shoot," said Logan Plumley, vice-president of the Engineering Club and head of the potato projectile system project.

"The sky is the limit in engineering," said Saifi.

## PSC Equine Club attends national event

By Paul Burford  
Campus News Editor

Six members of the Equine Club attended the annual American Collegiate Horsemen's Association national convention in Kansas City, Feb. 6-9.

They enjoyed riding demonstrations, day trips to horse farms and riding centers, a steak and poker night (Pony up, fake money!) and a final semi-formal awards banquet, at which Potomac State placed second in the scrapbook competition.

This year, the convention, which travels to different states, was hosted by Kansas State University.

Professional riders at the convention included Brent Wright, who has earned over \$1 million in riding competitions, and Brad Lund, a successful roping and cow horse trainer.

The Peeper Ranch, situated on over 600 acres of beautiful Kansas countryside, was the destination for one of the day trips, and features a 50,000+ square foot indoor riding arena, and specializes in "saddle seat riding."

Peeper Ranch also offers lessons, training, showing, boarding and breeding services. According to Brianna Hannon, pre-vet major and president of the PSC Horsemen's Association, "It was huge!"

The Equine Club also visited Heartland Thera-



Professor Saifi and engineering students pose in front of the Capitol on their recent trip to Washington D.C.

Photo thanks to the Engineering Club



Rebecca Matthews, Amber Payne, Brianna Hannon, club adviser Jared Miller, Stephanie Summits, Julia Miles and Holly Cook attended the ACHA.

peutic Riding, Inc., which is located in Bucyrus, Kansas. Heartland works with adults and children suffering from physical and cognitive disabilities such as paraplegia, and brain damage.

The third of these day trips took the horse club to Stonecrest Farm, home to Dr. William Reed's successful thoroughbred breeding and racing operation. Stonecrest has produced a number of notable winning race horses, including stakes winner Dynaformer who sired "Perfect Drift." Perfect Drift earned \$4.7 million dollars during his racing career making him the second richest racehorse in North America. Club members were invited into Dr. Reed's home, and were "wowed" by its elegance.

PSC Equine Club members also went to Wichita for one day of Kansas' 3-day all-breed horse show and

exposition. Equifest is one of the largest horse shows in Kansas, and features a trade show with vendors from all over the country, as well as riding demonstrations and events.

Saturday was the convention day where attendees got to participate in the annual ACHA business meeting, and lectures on how to grow the local collegiate horse club.

To sum up, Hannon described the trip as a "great learning experience."

**The Equine Club  
meets every  
2nd and 4th  
Wednesday  
at 6 p.m. in the  
lounge of Friend  
Hall.**

## Commencement; class withdrawal; deadlines approach

By Amber Ravenscroft  
Editor

The spring semester has reached midway and with it comes important deadlines for graduating sophomores and next year's returning students.

The last day to withdraw from an individual class is Friday, March 22. Residence halls close at 4 p.m. that day for Spring Recess.

Graduating sophomores must submit applications for graduation no later than Monday, April 8, to the Office of Academic Affairs. Any applications received after this date can only be accepted at the discretion of the Dean for Curriculum and Instruction.

Applications can be picked up from the Office of Academic Affairs or printed from the college website. Applications must be reviewed by the student's academic adviser.

Commencement will be Saturday, May 11. Caps and gown are provided free of charge. Visit the College Bookstore to order.

A reminder to all graduates: You must complete all degree requirements and have earned a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or above to be eligible to graduate. No applications will be accepted from students not within six credits of completing their degree or who have a cumulative GPA of 1.94 or lower.

For those students attending WVU next fall, change of campus forms can be obtained from Enrollment Services or the college website. Students applying to specific schools within WVU should check with their adviser for further instructions or e-mail admissions for the school.

Returning students should schedule meetings with advisers, as pre-registration for fall classes is coming up. Honors and Promise scholars are now eligible to pre-register.

Registration for all students begins Tuesday, April 2. The fall class schedule is now posted on the college website.



# DUI is a costly offense

By: Nick Wright  
Campus News Editor

If you drink at football tailgate parties in Morgantown or spend an evening in the downtown clubs -- then drive -- be aware that a DUI arrest could land you in a regional jail, an hour and a half away from the WVU campus, and will cost you hundreds of dollars.

WVU campus police and the Monongalia County sheriff's department say they are cracking down on driving under the influence and public intoxication so you might want to figure out where you are going to stay or have a designated driver if you plan on drinking alcohol.

Captain Ralston of the Monongalia County Sheriff's Department said it was not unusual to see intoxicated students get behind the wheel and drive to their next destination.

Ralston explained that West Virginia uses a regional jail system. Once drivers are processed for DUI or a larger crime, the department sends them to the regional jail.

The closest regional jail for Monongalia County is located an hour and a half away away in Doddridge County, and the accused have to pay a minimum of \$250 for bail.

Officer Chad Robinette of the Potomac State College campus police said that he encounters more problems with public intoxication than DUIs in the area. However, anyone arrested for a DUI or a more severe crime will be sent to the Potomac Highlands Regional Jail located about 45 minutes away in Augusta, West Virginia.

WVU students who are found guilty of a DUI are also sanctioned to complete treatment at the Stu-

dent Assistance Program (SAP), that costs an additional \$200.

The guilty driver will also have to pay a minimum \$400 for a mandatory alcohol educational component required for all DUI offenders.

There are different general categories of DUIs, depending on the driver's blood alcohol content (BAC) when he or she is being tested, with different consequences for each one.

A non-aggravated DUI is when the driver's BAC is between 0.05 and 0.14.

The first offence of a non-aggravated DUI the driver's license is suspended for 90 days, if the driver voluntarily installs an interlock device- a device you have to blow into in order to prove you are sober before your vehicle will start.

This device costs \$100 for a non-refundable application fee, \$50 installation



fee, \$65 average monthly fee, and a \$30 removal fee.

For the driver's second offense of a non-aggravated DUI, the driver's license is suspended for one year and an interlock device is mandatory and must remain installed in the vehicle for two years.

An aggravated DUI is when the driver's BAC is 0.15 or above.

The first offence of an aggravated DUI is that the driver's license is suspended for a minimum 45 days, and an interlock device must be installed for a minimum of 9 months.

For the second offence of an aggravated DUI, the driver's license is suspended for one year and an interlock device must be installed for two years.

## Is West Virginia astronomy in danger?

By: Kelly Mills  
Campus News Editor

The National Radio Astronomy Observatory, in Green Bank, W.Va., is in danger of being shut down.

Located in Pocahontas County and known as Green Bank, this observatory houses the world's biggest telescope, and was the first "fully steerable radio telescope" in the world.

The National Science Foundation is trying to shut down NRAO in order to gain three new telescopes in Chile.

"Closing Green Bank would be a major loss to the scientific community and Pocahontas County," says Dr. Jay Badenhoop,

professor of chemistry at PSC and online instructor for Descriptive Astronomy this semester.

"Many world-renowned discoveries have been made there, and the Observatory holds many educational activities and courses for college credit.

"Planning to spend the money saved on three telescopes in Chile sounds to me like the worst kind of outsourcing," he says.

In this day and age, many countries in the world are fighting to be the top in math and science. Removing the NRAO at Green Bank, would further us from being in the top, as we are already falling

behind, according to critics of the shutdown.

Also, getting rid of the NRAO will put many astronomers and scientists out of a job, in a field where it can already be hard to find a job.

An important portion of rural Pocahontas County's economic base comes from the Observatory, point out critics of the NFS proposal.

"I can't believe they are closing Green Bank! I can remember going by there for games, this makes me sad!" says Helanna Kitzmiller, student.

The NSF will make a final decision about Green Bank in December.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to protest this proposal, go to [www.savethegbt.org](http://www.savethegbt.org). This website contains an online petition to try to save the Green Bank Telescope.

West Virginia media also have articles posted.

If the NSF were to get rid of the telescope, with all of the technology it has, this shutdown could prevent the United States from getting another telescope as high tech as this one, say critics of the proposal.



## Violence intervention team forms

By Cheri Alt, Campus News Editor

The Behavior Intervention Team at PSC is now distributing informative pamphlets, detailing ways to recognize and report perceived or real threats of potentially violent behaviors on campus. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to understand intervention procedures.

The idea for BIT came about as a reaction to the Virginia Tech attacks. One of the recommendations from those who studied the Virginia Tech tragedy was for campus-based teams to be developed that would be able to collect information on student and staff behaviors and then to work with the person of concern to remedy or de-escalate the behavior.

After the Virginia Tech tragedy, PSC's Student Affairs department formed a diverse team from all sectors of the campus community to address prevention of violence on campus.

The team is Susan Kephart, psychologist; Aaron Edwards, Residential Education director; Molly Bennett, Academic Success Center coordinator; Brian Kerling, deputy chief of University Police; William Letrent, dean of Student Affairs; Mark McDonald, Student Judicial Affairs director; Cherise Southerly, college nurse; and Kara Anderson, Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Specialist.

"If you hear something, say something," is the motto for BIT. Letrent said, "All information will come to BIT and help connect the dots to intervene before the acts escalate to violence." According to Letrent, the goal is to keep the campus community as safe as possible. If we are aware of issues we will be able to assist the student in finding the proper resources.

Letrent hopes soon to have web resources and training in place for faculty and staff. He plans to speak to WVU classes and Parent Orientation in the fall.



# McNeill's actors reap personal rewards from a show well done

Article and Photos

By Jonathan Morse

Campus News Editor

Public speaking ranks among "Top Fears" for most people. Just about every student who ever had to present a paper or simply answer a math problem on the board has experienced that block-of-ice-in-the-pit-of-your-gut nausea. Now take that feeling and multiply it by 100.

We're no longer talking about a three-minute presentation before your peers in a familiar environment. We are talking about three hours, in front of strangers, and you are dressed like a dancing pineapple.

Okay, no dancing pineapples in McNeill's Rangers, but walking across the stage in long underwear ranks about the same. What could possibly motivate a group of people to voluntarily place themselves in that gastrointestinal deep-freeze? The answers to that question are as diverse as the individuals themselves.

For Jessie Kilcoyne, PSC engineering sophomore, performing in McNeill's is a chance to gain additional stage experience. She has



Jessie Kilcoyne

been involved in theater since middle school as well as gymnastics and dance, so performing on stage is nothing new to her, but it also serves to release the tension of a student's busy lifestyle. "This is my relaxation."

Her first performance at PSC was in Oklahoma, and she plans to audition for Les Miserables in the fall. She hopes to appear in a production of Hairspray during her summer break in St. Mary's County, Md.

For some, like local businessman Brian Tucker, appearing on stage is the antidote for a busy life of quotas, important deci-

sions and raising a family. Tucker says he loves theater and his family plays a large part in his love for the stage. "I miss them when we are not in a show together." Tucker says this is the only difficult part of being in McNeill's.

At present, his wife Melissa is the musical director for Keyser Primary Middle School's production of "High School Musical Jr.," for which Tucker is the stage manager.

Anjie Courier, who al-



Brian Tucker

ready plays a dual role as RBA student and mother of four, wanted her children to enjoy the same love for the stage she found as a child back in the early '90s when she played one of the



Anjie Courier

children in the 1992 production of McNeill's.

She says of her children, "trying to juggle their things and my things is hard. This (McNeill's) gives us a chance to do our things together."

For one man, however, it's been a lifelong passion. Thirty-plus years has seen Larry Meyers dressed in every sort of costume, playing every sort of part, and loving every minute of it. His performance in McNeill's Rangers completes a full circle encompassing a life on the stage. One of his first roles was playing "Otis" in the original 1984 production of McNeill's and now the beloved old widow chaser is back with a slightly brighter twinkle in his wandering eye. Otis'

long-suffering wife "Gertie" is played by Janice Clem, who also appeared in the original, and her portrayal has become by far one of the most beloved performances in the play.

"This is it for me," sighed a slightly down-cast Meyers, who went on to say that at 77 it's not as easy as it used to be.

All of these people, and dozens more, are as dif-



Larry Meyers

ferent as their reasons for showing up night after night, sometimes until very late, learning where to stand, what to say, and how to die - on cue. Whatever personal rewards they take away from the show, they all take away one reward in common: APPLAUSE.

## Kaler completes long journey of writing master's thesis

By Hailey Truman  
Editor

Imagine devoting tons of time to a research paper topic that your faculty adviser tells you to change. Then, your computer crashes the first 65 pages of your work, and the backup copies. Better yet, imagine writing a paper that took about six years to finish. Can't do it can you? Well Jeremy Kaler, the student activities coordinator here at PSC, can.

Jeremy's passion for history developed when he was in high school, and as an undergraduate at Frostburg he knew he wanted to get a degree in history. "Studying history prepares you for all sorts of fields out there. It is not just for those who want to teach."

In December 2006, Jeremy started writing his thesis paper for a master's degree in history from Minnesota State University,

Mankato. His first thesis was about the successor to the President of Guatemala and what he did when he came into power. The thesis was all prepared, and he was going to fly from Minnesota to Washington D.C. to do his research at the National Archives, when his adviser and mentor suggested that he switch to another topic. Jeremy changed to the history of the intercontinental railway.

By 2009, after several drafts of the railway thesis paper, the unthinkable happened. "I lost 65 pages due to an auto save error that corrupted my file and the three backup files I kept."

He was devastated. Jeremy took a break from his academic work for quite some time, not wanting to think about rewriting everything that was lost.

But after about a year,

he decided to complete the writing, along with resolving some issues with his adviser.

"I submitted everything in early October and then defended the paper via Skype." Even though it took far too long for his taste, in December he graduated from Minnesota State with a Master of Arts degree in history.

He says he is only the second person to devote an entire thesis paper to the history of the railroad.

"I'm just happy to be a normal human being again, and I am sure my wife is too. It was not easy on her near the end of the writing process. I was up at all hours of the night and early morning jotting notes down. I was crabby most of the time and not fun to be around."

Even though he was not getting enough sleep and his desk looked like "Rus-



Jeremy Kaler, part of the Residence Life staff, has a smile on his face after completing his master's degree thesis.

Photo by Hailey Truman

sell Crow's shed" in *A Beautiful Mind*, Jeremy achieved his goal. He hopes one day to earn a doctorate.

His published thesis is available on the Pro Quest database at participating university libraries.



# Softball at home at 3 today

By Ryan Minnigh  
Staff Writer

The Potomac State softball team will play a home game this afternoon versus CCAC-South. The game begins at 3.

The Lady Cats were scheduled to play Patrick Henry Community College yesterday at home, but results were not available at press time.

The team started off its season late after a game cancellation on March 7 versus Genesee Community College.

The team is coming off a great season in 2012, where the Cats finished 10-0 in the WPCF Conference and won the conference crown. Their final record for the regular season was 19-11.

"We had a really talented team last year and I think the team this year is just as talented," says Erica Doyle, one of only four returning players from last

year's squad. "Our team is working really hard and I think we will have a successful season."

The team will play in the Snowbird Class tournament held in Myrtle Beach, March 25-27.



Taylor Rice, a returning sophomore and pitcher, fires one over the plate in last year's win over Beaver.

Photo by Raymond Burner

# Baseball doubleheader Sunday

By Zach Miley  
Staff Writer

In nicer weather, one can notice the tarp has been removed from the Golden Park baseball diamond, which can only mean one thing: Potomac State baseball is back!

The Catamounts are at home Sunday, March 24, for a noon doubleheader against Cecil College.

With the season nearly a third of the way through, the Catamounts have clawed their way to a 6-8 start. Although their current record may not be as imposing as Head Coach Doug Little has become accustomed to he says, "Were right where I thought we would be."

The Catamounts opened their season with 12 consecutive games on the road, which included long road trips to Florence, S.C., on back-to-back weekends. They followed that with another trip to Ohio for games in Columbus and Dayton the following weekend.

In those first 12 road games, the Cats won five. "In my 16 years here this is the most difficult schedule that we've ever had," said Little.



Musto batted in two runs in the Mercyhurst game.

However, Little refuses to use demanding travel as an excuse. Instead, he attributes the less-than-desirable start to the top-notch talent the Cats have faced on the mound and the team not hitting the ball as well as they are capable of. "We've seen some quality arms. I mean we've seen a couple of kids who are going to be draft picks."

He praises his team for hanging with them, though.

"Our guys, they have no quit in them." As long as the team continues to battle and not let up, he believes that they will contend for the win in every game the rest of the sea-

son.

Five of the Catamounts' losses have been decided by only one run and could have easily gone the other way. "We have had one bad inning pitching-wise, defensive-wise, or a combination of both. If we can eliminate the one bad inning, that's going to be the difference," said Little.

The Catamounts split a Friday series with Mercyhurst, at home, winning game one by a score of 5-2. They were led by the work of sophomore pitcher Tanner Everton, who pitched a complete game with eight strikeouts and allowed only five hits. The offense was a product of Ron Musto who batted in two runs, while Tre Porter and Tre Kerns drove in runs of their own.

In the finale, the "one bad inning" that has hurt this team struck again during the sixth inning. The Catamounts had a 4-2 lead going into the sixth before a handful of errors and seven unearned runs propelled the Saints to the victory, 9-2.

Little remains optimistic about the remainder of the season crediting the Cats strong pitching and the team's "never give up" at-

# CAT SPORTS

## Basketball wrap-up



This season Coach Walton and the Lady Catamounts finished 8-16 overall record and 7-4 in the WVPCC. Seven of the 10 players from this season's team will be back next year. Walton felt this season was a stepping stone and reached short term goals.

Alexis Steele was voted team captain and showed leadership throughout the season. Walton is already beginning an offseason workout program and looking toward next year.

By Ryan Beckman



The men's basketball team ended its season 15-10. The team placed second in the Western Pennsylvania College Conference Tournament after losing to Beaver College, 85-82, in the finals.

By Amber Ravenscroft



Sophomore pitcher Tanner Everton pitched a complete game with eight strikeouts and only five hits, against Mercyhurst.

Photos by Raymond Burner

itude as being the keys to success in future games. "I anticipate us to make a serious run for the Region XX Championship," says Little.

The Catamounts will be back in action tomorrow

versus the Community College of Allegheny County-South in Washington, Pa. The Cats then travel to Winchester, Va. on Saturday to play Shenandoah University.



# Our Opinions

## WVU prospects in draft

The West Virginia Mountaineers have 8 prospects in the 2013 NFL Draft next month.

Tavon Austin, WR: Austin is a very speedy, slot receiver prospect who can make plays at any time. His play making ability could allow him to play many different roles in the right offensive scheme. Projection: 1<sup>st</sup> Round; Pittsburgh Steelers, Minnesota Vikings, Houston Texans

Geno Smith, QB: Smith has a big arm and can make most throws he would be required to make in the NFL. The QB class this year is lacking talent and Smith may be overlooked in the first round but could also be a Top 10 pick. Projection: 1-2<sup>nd</sup> Round; Buffalo Bills, Arizona Cardinals, Oakland Raiders.

Stedman Bailey, WR: Bailey lacks ideal size for an NFL receiver but could catch on in the slot for the right team. His intriguing hands and inflated numbers from 2012 will allow him to catch on team before Day 3: Projection: 2-3<sup>rd</sup> Round; Buffalo Bills, New England Patriots, New Orleans Saints

Joe Madsen, C: Madsen has the advantage of being a four-year starter for the Mountaineers. Madsen does not need much room to function but has short arms and may not be able to power through many NFL defensive lineman. Projection: 6-7<sup>th</sup> Round

Terrance Garvin, OLB: A hybrid linebacker safety who is a bit undersized to play linebacker in the NFL. Might fit a team who is looking to add a reserve safety. Projection: Free Agent

Tyler Bitancourt, K: Struggled with consistency during his senior year. Could catch on with a team looking to challenge their starting kicker. Projection: Free Agent

Shawne Alston, RB: Struggled with injuries during his senior year. Has size to contribute as a power runner or a blocking fullback in the NFL. Projection: Free Agent.

Josh Francis, OLB: Undersized linebacker who may struggle to find a gig in the league. Projection: Free Agent.

\*Also in the 2013 NFL Draft is Fairmont State Running Back and Keyser native Matt Wilmer. Wilmer has good speed and could be picked up as a free agent for a team looking for a returner.

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## Lack of common in-sense

Recently, a Maryland paper ran a story about the increase in heroin overdoses and its possible connection with increased regulation of prescription pain medication. The connection seemed justified to me. After all, I have a friend in his late 60s who has been prescribed narcotic pain medication every month for the past 22 years, and who was informed by his doctor this would no longer be the case. My friend was panicked. After being given 12,960 pills, he was forced to quit – cold turkey.

This served as an example to me of how a person made to feel desperate might just try to self-medicate when all of his legal options have been taken from him by the government. While my friend is not the type of person who has heroin connections, I could understand if he tried to self-medicate, after watching him go through withdraw.

This same Maryland paper ran a story the other day about how the local law enforcement in cooperation with the DEA closed several shops and charged the owners for selling a synthetic copy of a drug that is actually legal in a number of places in America. Local law enforcement had worked closely with the owners of the shops to ensure there would be no sales to minors and all rules were being followed. Then they raided the place and shut it down.

Could there possibly be anyone so naive as to believe that the former customers of those stores simply quit smoking intoxicants when the doors were locked? It's much more reasonable to assume, like the former pain medication users before them, those smokers went back to the streets to buy their favorite tobacco alternative.

I'm not sure if I get the logic behind taking a regulated product being sold under controlled circumstances off the shelves, turning the former law-abiding customers into felons overnight. "Spice" or "Incense", is considered to be a synthetic analog of Marijuana, which, of course is now legal in two states and legal for medicinal use in many more states.

I myself do not smoke either variety of this drug, nor do I take heroin, but when I witness the people who I consider to be the highest benchmark for logic and sensibility in this fair land of ours, making decisions this backwards, I get angry.

**Jonathan Morse**

## Music as motivation

It seems as though today's music spreads some pretty colorful messages, some more negative than others. If it's not about a man who was trouble when the woman met him, it's about one girl calling another a hoe and so on.

What happened to songs with meaning?

Music is a way for people to express themselves and tells a story of who they are and what they believe. It helps shape us all.

I remember a while back my sister and I were going for a drive, and she turned on a song she said was amazing. It was called, "The Hall of Fame." I listened to it and was in complete awe. The music sounded really good, but what really won me over were the lyrics.

They inspire the listener by basically saying they can be anything they desire and make a difference.

We need more songs with messages like that. Every person struggles at some point in her life, and music can be the one thing that can reach out to her.

Different songs can capture listeners with their message regardless of what that may be. Why not inspiration?

If an artist can reach at least one listener, she can make a world of a difference. We all are very impressionable when it comes to music and the message various songs convey.

I'm not saying to rid the world of what already exists but to add positive music to the equation. Every listener of any genre of music deserves to know that she matters, and she should be reminded of that. We should be uplifted, motivated, and heard.

**Kendra Keplinger**





## Supreme Court case may redefine marriage

By Nick Adams  
Staff Writer

"The fact that gay rights was a major discussion point in last year's election is downright embarrassing," said former PSC student Daniel Everhart, whose angry words express one sentiment regarding the civil rights of gay marriage that is echoing across the country.

On March 27, the United States Supreme Court will hear the case *United States Vs. Windsor*, which challenges Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act. DOMA defines marriage as a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife, and defines spouse as a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife.

Should the Supreme Court rule Section 3 un-

constitutional, as Visiting Instructor in Criminal Justice Nick Goff believes it may, Congress would then rewrite Section 3, redefining marriage, a milestone for gay rights and civil rights across the country.

Issues surrounding the upcoming Supreme Court case has prompted a variety of reactions on campus.

Assistant Professor of English Tom Sydow said, "If we truly live in a country where people are born free and equal, that applies to everybody whether or not we understand or agree with the way they are. You can't discriminate against anybody based on the way he or she was born. You just don't do that."

Echoing this belief is Assistant Professor of English Jennifer Merrifield. She believes that the LGBT com-

munity's fight for equality is one of the last steps on America's civil rights journey.

When proud Republican and devout Christian, Jason Barber, was asked what he thought of homophobia in our country, he believed that his fellow Christians too often overreacted, saying, "When it comes to homosexuality, I do not think it's worth getting my panties in a twist. The church needs to be forgiving but firm, they need to not push away, but be Christ-like."

Assistant Professor Mollie Ravenscroft condemned homophobia as "an expression of prejudice."

Local freshman Ashley Bowers stated, "Out all the places I have lived, Keyser is the worst for homophobia."

## Bowl for Kids' Sake helps local charity

By Elisha Wagoner  
Campus News Editor

"Bowl for Kids' Sake" is the name of the game and April 6 is the date. What is it? Bowl for Kids' Sake is a fundraiser Big Brothers Big Sisters puts on every year.

The program, which provides mentors for at-risk children, will be holding the bowling fundraiser at Rainbow Lanes here in Keyser.

The program raises pledges and each team is encouraged to pledge \$50 but if not, that's OK. Everyone is encouraged to have fun, whether the \$50 is pledged or not. Not only are the pledges a way to raise money but there will also be raffles and prizes.

Two counties participate: Alleghany and Mineral. Between the two counties, around \$40,000 is raised which is a pretty big number for a big cause.

"Anyone can participate," says Kimi-Scott McGreevy, executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters. The participation groups range from people in the community to businesses. Teams don't need to be big to participate either. You only need four people to make a team so you and your group of friends can come participate, no big groups necessary to have

fun.

So what exactly does the money go toward? It goes toward finding mentors (bigs), providing matches between the children and mentors, and after finding these mentors, the program follows up with a background check as well as an in-home interview with the mentor and the family.

If you're interested in participating you can go to the [www.bigdifference.org](http://www.bigdifference.org) website to find sign up

forms.

From there you can mail them in at Big Brothers Big Sisters, 64 Greene Street, Second Floor, Cumberland, MD, 21502 or email them to [ksmcgreevy@bigdifference.org](mailto:ksmcgreevy@bigdifference.org)

If you don't send them in ahead of time you can come to the bowling alley with your form, but it is required that you have it when you come to participate, says McGreevy. With any further questions you can call 301-724-2742.



Photo by Hailey Truman

Today is the Spring Equinox, so that can only mean one thing! Spring is finally here. The famous Pennsylvania groundhog Punxsutawney Phil predicted we would have an early spring, not six more weeks of winter. Looks as if the Catamount at Fort Ave. is a better indicator than the groundhog's shadow. So keep your fleece and boots handy, but shorts and flip-flops are coming soon. Oh, and remember your umbrellas and rain boots because April showers bring May flowers.

Hailey Truman



Dr. Henry Falkowski rests on an Allosaur skull reproduction. The Allosaur was the largest of the meat eaters from the Jurassic Period. He was a theropod (beast foot), with three-toed feet.  
Photo by Hailey Truman

## Geology class is a blast from the prehistoric past

By Nick Adams  
Staff Writer

How did the dinosaurs die out? Why did they turn into birds? What were T. Rexs and Velociraptors really like? Did the comet kill the dinosaurs, or did a giant volcano that is still active and is in America do it. Good questions deserve good answers, and you can find those answers right here at Potomac State.

Dr. Falkowski, one of our many professors teaches a Spring semester class called A Study of Dinosaurs, and is a class solely because of students. Originally a three-week seminar, it proved popular enough that it was made into a three-credit class via popular demand from the student body.

It would seem that the world of dinosaurs was always meant to be part of Falkowski's life, as they showed up right on his doorstep, literally. "There was a tooth in the gravel in my driveway. A Megalodon tooth." As they say, the sharks were out to get him; this shark just happened to be prehistoric.

From this event, Falkowski has gone to meet many people within the realm of paleontology, from the

world-renowned geologist and biologist Robert Bakker, who also served as the consultant for the Jurassic Park movies to Karen Chinn, an expert on paleoscatology, also known as the study of dinosaur poop.

The class itself has a wide variety of students in it, majors of all kinds from journalism, geology, criminal justice, and even the Campus Provost, Dr. Leonard Colelli. Hearing the positive word of mouth surrounding the course, he elected to take it, finding it "fascinating, especially the way we learn how plate tectonics work." Colelli says he is excited to see where the course goes, and hopes to see it have a bright and continuous future.

As does Falkowski, who plans to leave the various fossils and replicas to the college when he retires, so that the heir to the class will have just as many materials to work with as he did.

His hope is to get students as interested as possible in the field, and considering the positive word of mouth from students and faculty alike, he is not worried about the course becoming "extinct."